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REMARKS

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1. On 17 January 1954, the barracks installation in Jena-Zwaetzen was occupied by about 1,200 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epauletts with tank and artillery insignia. Between 14 and 17 January, soldiers trained with 4 SU-100s and 5 T-34/85 tanks in the barracks yard, while about 150 soldiers engaged in close-order drill and aiming practice with 4 x 37-mm AA guns.

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2. On 17 January, the barracks installation in Loebstedt was occupied by about 1,500 troops. Two thirds of the troops wore tank insignia and one third artillery insignia. On 15 January, about 60 soldiers practiced with 6 SU-100s in the barracks yard. Other soldiers did maintenance duty on 4 T-34/85 tanks parked in front of one of the garages. On 17 January, about 180 soldiers engaged in close-order drill.

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3. On 17 January, the Forst Kaserne was occupied. From 5 to 9 p.m. on 14 January, soldiers engaged in an exercise in the area behind the installation. Several guns were noticed. Machine gun and rifle fire was even heard in the town. On 16 January, several groups of up to 40 soldiers carrying luggage left the installation toward the railroad station. They boarded regular trains toward Weimar.

4. On 20 January, the barracks installation in Loebstedt was still occupied as was observed before. On 14 January, soldiers entered the installation from the direction of Rothenstein where they had been engaged in firing practice and field training. On 18 January, armored scout car left the installation toward Zwaetzen.

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5. Between 14 December and 20 January, JS-3 tanks in the barracks installation in Zwaetzen. On 2 December, about 40 soldiers with full pack and carbines left the installation toward Jaegerberg. On 9 January, about 30 soldiers returned to the installation from firing practice.

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